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Subject: RE: FW: Coeur d' Alene Press calling on Spokane River stuff

Brian: thanks very much for your message and for the timely follow up with the CdA Press reporter. It looks like you answered his questions and I appreciated the update too! Thanks.

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From: Brian Nickel [mailto:Nickel.Brian@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 4:46 PM

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Subject: Re: FW: Coeur d' Alene Press calling on Spokane River stuff

Jim:

I just wanted to let you know that I, along with Hanady Kader from our public affairs office, did connect with the reporter today. His questions mostly concerned the status of the lawsuit and the timing of the permits. I told him the lawsuit is stayed until the permits are final. He asked what might happen next, and I told him that the dischargers could decide at that time whether or not to continue to pursue the lawsuit. He asked if we considered this a good outcome and I said we did because it allowed us to move forward with the permits.

He asked about the status of the permits. I told him that Idaho DEQ was reviewing the draft permits and preparing draft Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications, and that both the draft permits and draft certifications would be available for public comment, probably in February or March of next year.

I also tried to correct some misconceptions that he had (e.g., we're trying to meet a dissolved oxygen standard in Washington, not a phosphorus standard, and it's actually long-standing Federal regulations and not the TMDL that requires EPA to meet Washington's water quality standards when we write the permits for the Spokane River in Idaho).

Hopefully that will be reflected in the article.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: Coeur d' Alene Press calling on Spokane River stuff

FYI heads up a Coeur d'Alene Press reporter wants to know the status of the lawsuit between the Idaho dischargers and EPA. Hopefully you can connect. Thanks!

From: Redfield-Wilder, Joye (ECY)

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 11:54 AM

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Subject: Couer d' Alene Press calling on Spokane River stuff

Hi - Tom Hasslinger with the Coeur d' Alene Press is writing a story today on the Spokane River cleanup agreement. He didn't seem to know very much about it and I know even less. I gave him Jim Bellatty's number, but I believe this might be handled out of HQ? His number is 208-664-8176. Can someone phone him today? Jani is out today as is Sandy Howard. I believe Curt is covering for Sandy. I also geve him PIO contacts with EPA because he kept saying EPA - so I thought maybe he really needed to talk to them.

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